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**Via Express Mail**  
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**Re: New US Patent Application for  
WEATHER SCREEN APPARATUS  
Inventor: Jennifer Knoepp**

Dear Ms. Knoepp:

We have just received the revised drawings from Quint Shelton for the above-identified application to include Figure 5 and apologize for the delay. I have attached a copy of the patent application along with a copy of the drawings for your review.

If the application meets with your approval, please sign and date the Declaration and Power of Attorney where indicated and return the documents back to my office for filing in the U.S. Patent Office.

Enclosed is an Entity Status Checklist to assist you in determining whether you qualify as a small entity for the purpose of paying reduced government fees. Please complete the form, sign where indicated and return to us. **We will pay large entity fees unless the signed form is returned to us**, but we would appreciate receiving the signed form for our files in either event.

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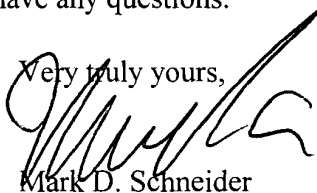
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Do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,  
  
Mark D. Schneider

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